## Final Fireworks Rules BLM Colorado Public Lands

## Why is the ban needed?

With the recurring threat of seasonally extreme fire danger throughout the state and increased visitation on public lands, the Bureau of Land Management decided to update its rules regarding firework use. These rules prohibit the possession and use of fireworks on public lands in Colorado year round.

Each year, human-caused fires endanger public safety and destroy both public and private property. Updating these rules will help the BLM to reduce the threat of human-caused fires on public lands.

Prior to the new rules, the BLM prohibited firework use only at developed recreation sites and during seasonal fire restriction orders.

## **About the Rules**

- These rules will prohibit the possession and use of all fireworks and other incendiary devices on BLM-managed lands year round.
- Individuals with written consent from the local agency administrator will be exempt from these rules.
- Violation of these rules is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

## When do the rules take effect?

December 19, 2011

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